THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): During the period from 1.8.92 to 30.11.92, Air India planes were used for VVIP travel for a total period of 15 days.

इंदौर विमानपत्तन पर रात में विमान उतारने की सुविधायें

4171. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री शिव प्रताप मिश्र :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंदौर विमानपत्तन पर रात में विमान उतारने की सुविधाओं संबंधी कार्य की क्या प्रगति है ; और

(ख) यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) इंदौर हवाई अड्डे पर रात्रि परिचालनों के लिये निम्नलिखित सुविधायें पहले से ही विद्यमान हैं :—

(1) उच्च तीव्रता वाली धावनपथ प्रकाश व्यवस्था (एच०आई०आर०एल०)

(2) संक्षिप्त दृष्टिक पहुंच ढाल संसूचक प्रणाली (अवासी)

(3) धावनपथ के 87 छोर पर साधारण पहुंच प्रकाश प्रणाली (एस०ए०एल०)

राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की 25 छोर पर भी साधारण पहुंच प्रकाश प्रणाली (एम०ए०एल०) की व्यवस्था करने की योजना है । वह स्थान जहां पर यह कार्य किया जाना है, इस समय सीमा सुरक्षा बल और राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के बीच विवादास्पद है । इसके निपटारे के लिये कारवाई पहले की आरंभ की जा चुकी है ।

Upgradation of Belgauni Airport

4172. SHRI K. R. JAYADEVAPPA:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have made an assessment, that there is adequate traffic at Belgauni for introduction of Boeing services;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines have made a request to International Airport Authority to upgrade the Belgaum Airport;

(c) whether an amount of Rs. 843 lakhs has been projected as estimated expenditure for the updradation of Belgaum Airport; and

(d) if so, what is the present position of the proposal and how much amount is released so fa,- for upgradation of Belgaum Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Joint venture with U.S. aviation companies

4173. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taking advantage of the Open Sky Policy of Government the Modi's have launched two joint ventures with two U.S. aviation cornpanies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) M/s Modi Threads Ltd., have indicated to the Directorate General of Civil' Aviation its desiro to start an air taxi service as a joint venture company. M/s Modi Genesis Airlines, which is promoted by M/s Modi Threads Ltd. has also approached D.G.C.A.

with a proposal to start a transport aircraft maintenance facility in India, in collaboration with M/s Dynair Co. of USA. In addition, M/s Modi Rubber Ltd. has informed DGCA that they have signed a M.O.U. with M/s MTU GMBH of Germany to set uP an Aero Engine Maintenance unit at Gwalior.

Opposition to privatisation of Airlines

4174. DR. SANIAYA SINH; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Corporation Employees Union (A.C.E.U.) and Indian Aircraft Technicians Associationare opposing the "privatisation" of air services in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government ' hereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These unions have been protesting against the proposal of the Government for the repeal of the Air Corporations Act, 1953, restructuring of Air India/Indian Airlines and operartion of air taxi services. These unions have taken part in strikes on various occasions to project their point of view.

(c) There is no proposal to "privatise" Air India and Indian Airlines and what is intended is only the restructuring of the airlines by forming two companies un der the Companies Act, which will still be having majority shareholding of the Government.

Airlinking of some parts of Uttar Pradesh

4175. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some parts of Uttar Pradesh have not been connected through air so far;

(b) if so. what are the names of these areas, district-wise and steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

c) whether Government propose to strengthen the air-services in Uttar Pradesh by providing additional flights to areas of heavy demand; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (d) Air services are presently available to Agra, Lucknow, Varanasi and Dehradun in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Due to capacity constraints and other operational and commercial reasons there is no proposal at present to augment the services.

Setting up of an Airport at Meerut in Uttar Pradesh

4176. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Meerut is the only major Corporation city in Uttar Pradesh which is not linked by air; and

(b) whether Government had conducted any survey to build an airport at Meerut?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA-: (a) and (b) No, Sir

Decline in Tourist Traffic to metro cities

4177. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:
SHRI IAGMOHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta are among the most polluted cities in the world, as a result of which international tourism bodies have advised the tourist to avoid these cities;

(b) if so, what is Government's reae tion, thereto; and